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City Transportation Engineer Receives Coveted Award for Vision Zero Initiative

~ Recognized by peers in transportation engineering ~

RICHMOND, VA – City Transportation Engineer Michael Sawyer is being recognized by his peers for Richmond’s “Vision Zero Action Plan.” Sawyer will receive, on behalf of our dedicated City of Richmond citizens, professional staff and involved non-profit organizations, the **2019 ITE Public Agency Council Achievement Award** by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). The honor will be presented in July at the Joint ITE International and Texas District Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Austin, Texas.

With the full support of Mayor Levar M. Stoney and City Council, Sawyer was instrumental in creating the city’s Vision Zero Initiative in 2017, which aims to eliminate all traffic related fatalities and severe injuries by 2030, while introducing measures to enhance and increase safety and equitable mobility on city streets.

In 2018, a movement that engaged more than 100 stakeholder organizations worked together under Sawyer’s leadership to develop the Vision Zero Action Plan, which was adopted by the city’s Safe and Healthy Streets Commission (SHSC). This work recognized the SHSC in 2018 for a Governor’s Transportation Safety Award in Virginia Beach, VA at the annual Virginia Highway Safety Summit. Since that time, Sawyer has been collaborating with citizens, professional staff, and non-profits to develop projects and programs designed to carry out the mission of Vision Zero.

In May, Sawyer picked up an Honorable Mention award for the 2019 **Robert S. Hopson Leadership Service Award** from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Mid-Atlantic Chapter for creating the Vision Zero Task Force to lead the Safe and Health Streets Commission in creating/implementing the Vision Zero Action Plan. The award was presented at the regional conference in Norfolk.

To learn more about Vision Zero visit <http://www.richmondgov.com/PublicWorks/VisionZero.aspx>

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